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Letter to the editor

Response to M. Goldzak's letter



I would like to thank Dr Mario Goldzak for his interest in and for reading our article on the stabilization of calcaneal fractures. His remarks mention the classifications used in this article. He states that French classifications were not used in this study. Based on the results of our retrospective studies of calcaneal fractures, mentioned in references 4 and 5 of the published article [1,2] the article that was submitted and accepted by the editors of the journal presents a surgical technique. All existing classifications were used in the above-mentioned references including, of course, the classification from the Toulouse group, which has provided undeniable progress in the analysis of calcaneal fractures. The abstracts of our work should reassure Dr Goldzak that we are fully convinced of the importance of this contribution. We did not feel that it was necessary to provide additional references on this subject in an article on surgical technique. Besides the quality of Utheza classification, we must also acknowledge the details provided by the Sanders classification [3] making it possible to limit the indications for external fixation to certain complex fractures while excluding complex multiple-fragment fractures of the greater tuberosity and the thalamic surface. This point seemed important enough for us to

use, for didactic purposes, the Anglo-saxon classification. I would like to reassure Dr Goldzak that in our daily practice we use both the Utheza and Sanders classifications.

Disclosure of interest

The author declares that he has no conflicts of interest concerning this article.

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